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MEMORANDUM TO: Major General Walter E. Todd, USA, Deputy Director,  
Joint Intelligence Group, Joint Staff.

SUBJECT: National Intelligence Survey Program.

REFERENCE: IAC meeting held on 16 June 1948.

1. The ad hoc committee appointed to develop the NIS Program recommended that the basic intelligence studies on those NIS Areas represented in the Joint Staff Priority List of 6 February 1948 should be completed and placed on a maintenance basis not later than 30 June 1952.
2. The Intelligence Advisory Committee met on 16 June 1948 to consider the above target date in relation to the production capabilities of the IAC Agencies participating in the NIS Program and to determine the additional funds needed to meet this target date.
3. As a result of this meeting, the IAC Agencies were requested to submit estimates of additional funds required to meet alternative production schedules. Both of these schedules are based on an initial production during fiscal year 1949 of the equivalent of six (6) NIS, which was felt to be the maximum practicable effort during the build-up period. For subsequent years, the first schedule would require the production of twelve (12) NIS per year, which is based upon the consideration that a greater effort might lead to wasteful practices and result in inferior studies. The second schedule would require the production of twenty-three (23) NIS per year, after the first year, which is based on the completion by 30 June 1952 of NIS on those areas appearing on the Joint Staff Priority List.
4. The additional funds required by the several producing agencies for the above alternative schedules are as follows:

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